

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action mailed on July 15, 2005.

Claims 1-3 are amended. Claims 1-24, 32, and 33 are pending in this application.

§102 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) for anticipation by Beardall (U.S. 1,182,961). Claims 1-3 have been amended to depend from allowed claim 8. Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant acknowledges that claims 4-24, 32 and 33 are allowed.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (612) 359-3267 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

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